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REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending in the application. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102

as being anticipated by Tamer (US Patent No. 6,671,881B1). For the reason set forth below,

reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Specifically, a careful review of Tamer reveals the fact that Tamer teaches an entitlement

management message EMM being exclusively contained in the program guide data packet D4

prior to an impulse purchase of a particular program, and concurrently contained in a program

data packet (e.g., D1) in response to an impulse purchase of that program. See, Tamer at column

4, line 42 to column 5, line 30. Thus, the Applicant respectfully asserts that Tamer fails to teach

or suggest and in fact teaches away from "characterized in that the entitlement management

message (EMM) specific to an impulse purchase is exclusively contained in the data (SI) tied to

the presentation of the programme grid" as recited in amended independent claim 1. For this

reason alone, the rejection under \$102 of claims 1-4 should be withdrawn.

Favorable consideration of the pending application is therefore respectfully requested.

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